## **2015 HOCM Track and Session Chairs**

It's that time of year again we would like to bring your attention to the forthcoming POMS conference taking place in Washington D.C. this year from May 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. The POMS College of Humanitarian Operations and Crisis Management (HOCM) would like to invite you to submit a paper on a topic relevant to HOCM for the upcoming annual POMS conference in Washington D. C., USA, on May 8-11, 2015.

In 2015 our goal is to expand the number and range of researchers presenting in this track and to promote the importance of the discipline of HOCM. We encourage interdisciplinary research employing various methodologies, and papers on teaching in this area. Presentations from practitioners on the latest problems and issues in HOCM would be of much value.

If you are interested in potentially organizing an "invited session" on a topic relevant to the HOCM track, then please contact us as soon as possible. This will involve sourcing 3-4 papers to be presented in 90 minutes - to give enough time to each presenter and still leave time for questions. We invite session organizers to source through their own contacts, such as researchers who may not have attended POMS before. Sessions could be organized on any topic relevant to HOCM.

For your convenience we have included a link to the conference website <a href="http://www.poms.org/CFP-2015.doc">http://www.poms.org/CFP-2015.doc</a>. The conference website will be open from November 1<sup>st</sup> to receive abstracts.

We would also like to encourage researchers to submit their papers to the HOCM Track Best Paper. Contact Dr Nezih Altay naltay@depaul.edu for more information.

We are very excited about the upcoming conference and would love to see you in Washington D. C.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate on contacting us.

With warm regards,

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